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DECISION NOTICE/DESIGNATION ORDER

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Secretary of Agriculture under regulations at 7 CFR 2.42, 36 CFR 251.23 and 36 CFR Part 219, I hereby establish the Dismal Hollow Research Natural Area. It shall be comprised of lands described in the section of the Establishment Record entitled "Location".

The Regional Forester recommended the establishment of the Dismal Hollow Research Natural Area in the Record of Decision for the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. That recommendation was the result of an analysis of the factors listed in 36 CFR 219.25 and Forest Service Manual 4063.41. The results of the Regional Forester's analysis are documented in the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and the Establishment Record which are available to the public.

The Dismal Hollow Research Natural Area will be managed in compliance with all relevant laws, regulations, and manual direction regarding Research Natural Areas. It will be administered in accordance with the management direction/prescription identified in the Establishment Record.

The Ozark-St. Francis National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan is hereby amended to be consistent with the management direction identified in the Establishment Record and this Decision Notice/Designation order. This is a non-significant amendment of the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.

The Forest Supervisor of the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests shall notify the public of this decision and will mail a copy of the Decision Notice/Designation Order and amended direction to all persons on the Ozark-St. Francis Land and Resource Management Plan mailing list.

Based on the analysis in the FEIS, I find that the designation of the Dismal Hollow Research Natural Area is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. (40 CFR 1508.27)

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR Part 217. A Notice of Appeal must be in writing and submitted to:

The Secretary of Agriculture
14th & Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250

and simultaneously to the Deciding Officer:

Chief (1570)
USDA, Forest Service
P.O. Box 96090
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The Notice of Appeal prepared pursuant to 36 CFR 217.9(b) must be submitted within 45 days from the date of legal notice of this decision. Review by the Secretary is wholly discretionary. If the Secretary has not decided within 15 days of receiving the Notice of Appeal to review the Chiefs decision, appellants will be notified that the Chiefs decision is the final administrative decision of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (36 CFR 217.17(d)).

[Signature]
Chief

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Date

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